

OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

September 19, 2025

Conference Call

Scott Biggins, MD, Chair

Shimul Shah, MD, MHCM, Vice Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via Microsoft Teams teleconference on 09/19/2025 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Public Comment Presentation: *Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection*, Living Donor Committee
2. Project Discussion: Score recommendation for multivisceral transplant candidates

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions.

1. Public Comment Presentation: *Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection*, Living Donor Committee

The Committee provided feedback on the Living Donor Committee's proposal, *Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection*.

Summary of discussion:

The Chair stated they have no concerns with having the SRTR directly contact individuals. Other members agreed. The Committee voiced no concerns with the removal of the mandatory two-year follow-up data reporting.

The Committee endorsed the proposal and recognized the importance of data to help inform care for potential living donors.

Next steps:

The Committee will submit their feedback to the Living Donor Committee for consideration.

2. Project Discussion: Score recommendation for multivisceral transplant candidates

The Committee discussed the modification to the score recommendation for multivisceral transplant candidates.

Summary of discussion:

The National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Subcommittee proposed setting the initial exception MELD score for multivisceral transplant candidates at 40. The Chair acknowledged possible concerns about the score being too high but noted this approach intends to address a need until continuous liver distribution is finalized and implemented.

A member stated they frequently receive feedback from the multivisceral community with concerns about allocation for these candidates. The member explained that some frustration is a result of complexities in multi-organ allocation rather than the priority given through medical urgency.

Another member stated that while there may be pushback on the score recommendation the Committee should emphasize how small of a population this will impact so that concerns about equity are addressed.

The Committee voiced no opposition to the NLRB Subcommittee's recommendation of the initial exception MELD score for multivisceral transplant candidates at 40.

Next steps:

The Committee will work to finalize this proposal.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 3, 2025 at 2 pm ET (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Aaron Ahearn
 - Allison Kwong
 - Joseph DiNorcia
 - Marina Serper
 - Michael Kriss
 - Neil Shah
 - Omer Junaidi
 - Scott Biggins
 - Shunji Nagai
 - Vanessa Cowan
 - Vanessa Pucciarelli
- **SRTR Staff**
 - Jack Lake
 - Katie Siegert
 - Nick Wood
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Emily Ward
 - Matt Cafarella
 - Niyati Upadhyay
 - Susan Tlusty
- **Other Attendees**
 - Nathan Osbun